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Three liberal Czechoslovak leaders went to Moscow this week for talks on the 26 August agreement. Before they left they had taken several steps to comply with Soviet demands. They are providing living quarters for occupation troops, but have indicated that they expect most of them to be withdrawn. There is still Soviet-inspired talk that Dubcek will be ousted but no signs that an attempt will be made soon.	OK
DE GAULLE - KIESINGER TALKS ACCOMPLISH LITTLE	A
Kiesinger promised not to participate in any Common Market action from which France was excluded but all he received in return was a lackluster promise of support in case of aggression and a threat of French withdrawal from the Common Market if the British entry were pushed.	
SOVIET HELICOPTER CARRIER PERFORMS IN ASW ROLE	5
The <u>Moskva</u> 's impressive array of ASW systems and its recent activity in the Mediterranean support earlier indications that the ship will significantly improve Soviet antisubmarine capabilities.	
SUPERSONIC CONCORDE'S FLIGHT DATE REMAINS SPECULATIVE	6
The French and British builders predict flight tests within a month or so but engineers anticipate a slippage to early 1969. The differences reflect the continuing development problems that are adding weight to the plane and are increasing its noise level and fuel consumption.	

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Far East

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VIETNAM

The Communists continued to use economy-of-force tactics during the week, as they have throughout much of the current phase which began on 18 August. North Vietnamese spokesmen again rejected US insistence on reciprocal restraint in response to a full bombing halt. General Minh's return to Saigon from his Bangkok exile now seems set, although questions of timing and his future role apparently are unresolved.

PEKING PRESENTS FACADE OF UNITY

Peking's National Day celebrations this week were used to project a facade of unity and reaffirm the policies of stabilization that have emerged since July. In some provinces, however, there are continuing signs of factional struggle, which probably in part reflect deep-seated divisions at the center.

CHINA HAS POOR AGRICULTURAL YEAR

A mediocre performance by the agricultural sector during 1968 may leave China in short supply of foodstuffs well into 1969.

BURMESE MILITARY REGIME MAY EASE REINS SLIGHTLY

General Ne Win may be considering more civilian participation in his military regime and limited economic changes, but he apparently plans no dramatic departures from present policies.

Middle East - Africa

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COMMUNISTS ARE CAUTIOUS ABOUT AID TO SOUTHERN YEMEN

The Communist countries, deterred by the chaotic political and economic situation in Southern Yemen during its first year of independence, are moving cautiously in making aid commitments there.

OBOTE KEEPS UGANDA COOL

On the sixth anniversary of Ugandan independence, President Milton Obote is in firm control. Although there are the usual rumors of impending coups, there is little evidence that opposition elements will be able to organize effectively against the Obote government.

YEMEN'S WARRING LEADERS GROPE FOR TRUCE

Both royalists and republicans have indicated that they seek a peaceful solution to their six-year-old war, but ineptitude and internal disunity continue to obstruct their efforts to achieve it.

Western Hemisphere

THE WEEK IN PERSPECTIVE

MILITARY COUP IN PERU

The Peruvian armed forces, led by army commander General Juan Velasco, ousted President Belaunde and took over the reins of government on 3 October.

NEW GOVERNMENT INSTALLED IN PANAMA

President Arnulfo Arias began his third term with a formidable majority in the legislature and a cabinet chosen as much for loyalty as for competence.

GUYANA'S ELECTION DATE SECRETLY SET

Prime Minister Burnham is hoping to get a clear majority in the election he is planning to hold on 16 December. Charges of rigging are already coming in from all sides.

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CASTRO ACKNOWLEDGES INCREASING OPPOSITION IN CUBA

Fidel Castro's speech on 28 December stating that sabotage and other acts of opposition to the regime have increased since last March was his most elaborate acknowledgement of antiregime activity in recent years.

RENEWED VIOLENCE IN MEXICO

Student violence has reached a level that casts doubt on the government's ability to keep its domestic crisis from affecting the Olympics.

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